

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELECASTING AND BROADCASTING FROM KOLKATA DOORDARSHAN/RADIO CENTRE

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hours telecasting/broadcasting could not be made from Kolkata Doordarshan/AIR centers during each of the last three years alongwith the reasons for such disruption; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted telecasting/broadcasting of national/regional programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that the details of disruptions of telecasting/broadcasting of programmes of Doordarshan and AIR centers at Kolkata are as follows:-

Year Doordarshan @ AIR #

	Hrs	Mts	Hrs	Mts
2001-02	09	09	255	29
2002-03	10	12	231	18
2003-04	10	02	160	48

@ Figures of Doordarshan includes Satellite Channel DD Bangla, all Terrestrial transmissions of DD1, DD (News), and Regional HPT.

Figures of AIR include all transmitters of AIR, Kolkata.

(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that the interruptions are generally due to failure of power supply/equipments. Doordarshan has provided diesel generators to Kendra to minimize the power failure. Concerned authorities have been approached by Prasar Bharati officials for uninterrupted supply of power. Failures of equipment are promptly attended to by officials of Prasar Bharati.